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## MR. MAYO'S WILL PROBATED MONDAY.

Entire Estate Left to His Wife, Without Bond or Restrictions.

Paintsville, Ky., May 28.—The will of the late John C. C. Mayo was filed for probate on June 1. The will is said to be one of the shortest documents that has ever been recorded in this county. The text of the will is as follows:

Paintsville, Ky., March 14, 1913. "While in full possession of my mental faculties, I desire to dispose of my property in the way that appears to me, as best for the objects of my bounty as well as my estate at my death.

"First—I therefore bequeath to my beloved wife, in whom I have the fullest confidence, my entire estate of every kind and description whatsoever.

"Second—I desire that she take up my business where I leave off, carry out my contracts fully (and for the purpose of ascertaining just what they are she will consult my friend, John E. Buckingham, only, who knows about them), and in order that she may carry out this provision of my will she is appointed executrix without bond, with full power to sell any and all property that is in her judgment, necessary or proper, including any or all of my real estate, and also collect any and all sums due me and receipt for same; in fact, do any and all things that I could do with my property if living. I direct that she be not required to return any inventory of my estate.

"JOHN C. C. MAYO.

"Witnesses:  
"GEORGE F. COPELAND,  
"JOHN E. BUCKINGHAM."

Paintsville, Ky., June 2.—Following the filing for probate at Paintsville of the will of the late John C. C. Mayo, the wealthy Big Sandy capitalist, who died some time ago, John C. Buckingham, close personal and business friend of Col. Mayo who is asked in the will to act in an advisory capacity in administration of affairs of the estate, said that the estate is worth between \$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000.

However, there is a potential value of much greater magnitude with the developments of the vast holdings of the Mayo estate both on the Big Sandy and Kentucky river side of the Blue Ridge range. The development of the Big Sandy holdings is well under way while that on the other side of the mountains is but started.

Recently a number of eastern, West Virginia and Kentucky capitalists and bankers made a trip over the Kentucky river properties, in many of which was the late Col. Mayo financially interested. All expressed pleasure at the prospects there.

The value of the estate is expected by Mr. Buckingham to increase rapidly.

By the will Mrs. Mayo is made executrix, being required to furnish no bond, nor file an inventory of the estate, on the extent of which it will cost no light.

Mr. Buckingham said that Mrs. Mayo would immediately become a member of the boards of directors of all the companies in which the late Col. Mayo was interested. In this way she will vote to carry out the plans of her husband and of which she had frequently talked with him.

Mr. Buckingham said that concerning the endowment of colleges and building of churches, philanthropic movements in which Col. Mayo was much interested, will be carried out by the estate as dividends from the holdings make such gifts possible.

At the present time, however, the work of the executrix will mainly be in development of the holdings of the estate.—Lexington Leader.

## SANDY RIDGE TUNNEL BORED THROUGH.

The Clinchfield Railway has at last bored its tunnel through Sandy Ridge, on the Elkhorn extension immediately north of Dante, Va. Construction was begun some two years ago. The tunnel is over 8000 feet long, and pierces the mountain 1500 feet below the summit. Some time will be required to complete the bore, although work is expected to proceed faster than before. The entire extension is about 35 miles long from Dante to Elkhorn City, where connection will be made with the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway.

## SENIOR CLASS L. H. S. ELECTS OFFICERS.

The senior class of the Louisa High School met on Thursday last and chose Fred P. Cain temporary chairman. The chairman called the meeting to order and the following officers were unanimously elected: Carson Elawick, President; Chas. H. Withers, Vice President; and Clifford Wilson, Secretary. Further proceedings and announcements will be made.

## WILL GO TO ELECTRIC CHAIR.

Harley Beard, the 19-year-old youth who was charged with the murder of Nancy Massie, Mary Massie and Bob Massie, in Lawrence county, O., plead guilty when arraigned in court last week and was sentenced to death.

## STATE PRISONS TO SERVE GEOGRAPHICAL DIVISIONS.

Frankfort, Ky., June 1.—The death blow administered by the Court of Appeals, to the act of 1910, designating one of the State prisons as a reformatory and directing the commitment to it of first offenders, and the other as a penitentiary for the incarceration of habitual criminals, will compel a return to the old system of committing to Eddyville prisoners in the western part of the State, excepting females, and prisoners from the central and eastern portion to Frankfort.

Hereafter courts in counties west of the eastern borders of Meade, Hardin, Grayson, Hart, Edmonson, Warren and Allen counties must commit prisoners convicted of felonies to Eddyville, and all east of that line to Frankfort.

In a raid extending 190 miles from the mouth of the Kentucky river to Ford, above Lock 10, in the same river, wardens of the Game and Fish Department confiscated twenty-six hoop and wing nets and seven fish boxes. They have sworn out warrants in nearly every county they passed through. Wardens George M. Hill, of Paris; Cash Shaw and Samuel South, of Frankfort, and R. M. Malkin, of Louisville, made the raid.

An unusual effort will be made during the year to arouse the interest of school trustees in the Kentucky Educational Association and secure their attendance at the K. E. A. meeting next spring in Louisville.

After a conference attended by John McFerran, of Louisville; Secretary Thomas Vinson, Miss Lida Gardner, County Superintendent of Nicholas, and others, it was decided to ask the County Superintendents to give one day of their county institutes to the trustees, and to send someone at every institute to address the trustees.

## DISLOCATED HER SHOULDER.

On Friday afternoon last Mrs. J. W. Yates fell in the yard at her home on Lock avenue and dislocated and otherwise injured her left shoulder. She had started to the well, and when she stepped from the porch to a plank the board broke and she fell against the well curb with such force that it caused the painful injury mentioned. Dr. Bromley was sent for and he found that the arm had been forced from its socket and that the head or neck of the bone had been injured. Mrs. Yates suffered great pain, and because of poor health and advanced age recovery will be very slow.

## VERDICT FOR \$18,000 AGAINST C. & O. R. R.

Damages for Death of Frank Whitaker, Shot by an Officer on a Train.

In the Circuit Court at Prestonsburg yesterday a verdict of \$18,000 was awarded the heirs of Frank Whitaker, who was killed on an excursion train near this place nearly six years ago. The judgment is against the C. & O. railway company.

Whitaker was killed by an officer who was called by the conductor to assist in arresting him and two companions who were alleged to be drunk and disorderly. The men resisted, and in the fight which followed, Whitaker was fatally shot. The damage suit was first brought in United States Court, but was thrown out there. Whitaker lived in Floyd county. The judgment is in favor of his father, Reuben Whitaker.

## NEW COMPANY ORGANIZED IN HUNTINGTON.

A charter has been granted The John M. Sagraves Co., with seat of operation in Huntington. The purpose of this company will be to engage in general kitchen supplies, stoves and ranges, and also to carry on a mail order business in general household supplies. They are exclusive agents in twenty-eight counties for the famous South Bend Malleable Range. Instead of selling their range from wagons on a peddlers plan, they put on cooking demonstrations, staying one week in each town. Mr. Sagraves and a special demonstrator from the factory are demonstrating in Prestonsburg the week beginning June 15th and in Paintsville the week beginning June 22nd. The St. Louis range people are now canvassing the Big Sandy valley, and Mr. Sagraves has offered \$100.00 reward for a better range produced than the South Bend. A lively contest is promised between these two range concerns, since Mr. Sagraves is offering his range for considerably less than the peddlers. Remember the dates and see the South Bend demonstrations as above mentioned." (adv.)

## MARRIAGE OF FORMER LOUISA GIRL.

The following announcement tells its own story. The bride was for some years a resident of Louisa, and is a very bright and attractive young woman:

Mrs. Mary L. Hazelton announces the marriage of her daughter Myra

to Mr. Harry Stuart Hidden Wednesday, June the third nineteen hundred and fourteen Cincinnati

At Home  
3412 Orange Avenue  
Price Hill

## EXCELLENT ENTERTAINMENT AT MASONIC HALL.

"What promises to be a very pleasing and delightful entertainment will be given at Masonic Hall this (Friday) evening." This was the introduction of a short notice of what was to be on that occasion. Well, the promise was filled, full up and running over. In many respects it was one of the best amateur presentations of music and play ever given in Louisa.

The "Curtain Raiser," what the actor folk call the short piece which precedes the longer play, was an amusing sketch entitled "An Economical Boomerang," a bit of nonsense filled with fun and comical "situations," well rendered by the performers and heartily applauded by the audience. There was considerable room for a show of artistic ability in the Economical Boomerang, and the various characters were well portrayed.

The three act comedy, "In the Absence of Susan," is a choice piece of light play writing, which, however, calls for more than ordinary amateur ability to properly present. Had the author of the play seen its rendition on Friday night he—or she—would have seen and heard much to praise and but little to condemn. Each of the highly contrasting characters had a competent representative, and the NEWS does not recall any previous presentation of a play at the historic Masonic Hall which was better rendered. Many of the participants in the comedy were almost letter perfect in their parts and did also a good bit of what is technically called stage "business." A little harder study of their parts and more rehearsals would have made things go even better than they did.

Louisa is fortunate in having much "home-grown" and acquired musical talent which is always available when needed. It was delightfully in evidence on the occasion of which we write, having been charmingly reinforced by a vocalist who sang her way into the hearts of all who had the good fortune to hear her—Mrs. Lillian Strange Warner, of Huntington. Let us, however, begin at the vocal numbers of the evening which were given between the two plays, the singer being Miss Katherine Freese. She is so well and so favorably known in Eastern Kentucky that to say she sang is to awaken feelings of envy in the hearts of those who did not hear her. On Friday evening her programme selections were "Longing" and "His Lullaby," choice soprano songs by Carrie Jacobs Bond. In response to a hearty encore she gave "One Last Good-bye." Miss Freese's accompaniment was played by her pupil, Miss Elizabeth Conley.

Between the first and second acts of "In the Absence of Susan" Mrs. Warner sang "Good Bye," by Tosti, and Denza's "A May Morning." She answered an insistent encore by using "Celeste," by Edgar Newcomb. Mrs. Warner is the fortunate possessor of a soprano voice of great purity and sweetness which she uses with much skill and ease. There was seemingly no effort whatever on her part to sing, and her ease and grace of manner heightened the pleasing effect. It is hoped that in the not far distant future Louisians may have the pleasure of hearing Mrs. Warner and Miss Freese sing in duet, one tenor and the other soprano. It is an odd combination, but it has been done most effectively.

Mrs. Warner's accompanist was her former teacher and trainer, Mrs. B. M. Keith, and both she and having had such competent support at the piano on Friday evening.

Previous to the raising of the curtain Mrs. Carrie Snyder Burns entertained the audience with a piano overture.

The Young People's Missionary Society desires to thank Mr. John Gartin for the tender and the free use of the piano furnished on this occasion. Much of the success which attended this entertainment is due to the untiring efforts and industry of Mrs. R. L. Vinson. She worked early and late, in 90 degrees weather, to make it a successful one, and she did not fail.

As a pleasant souvenir of the occasion we give the programme:

I. Piano Overture.

II. "An Economical Boomerang."

Cast of Characters.

Mr. Alexander Dabbleton, suddenly seized with an economical streak.

Fred Cain.

Mrs. Alexander Dabbleton, although disagreeing, acquiesces.

Miss Julia Snyder.

Mr. Bird Plover.

Miss Nina McHenry.

(A recently married couple)

Doc, who is laboring under a misapprehension.

Everett Thompson.

Maggie, who, if she wasn't Irish, might have been "Frinch."

Miss Shirley Burns.

III. Solo.

Miss Katherine Freese.

Accompaniment, Miss Elizabeth Conley.

IV. "In the Absence of Susan."

Cast of Characters.

Mrs. Campbell, Miss Elizabeth Lester.

Dick, her son.

Ed K. Spencer.

Susan.

Miss Rebecca Lackey.

Margaret.

Miss Shirley Burns.

(her daughters)

Geoffrey Hastings, Dick's friend.

Marion Guerin.

Samuel Larkey, an elderly gentleman.

Jim Cain.

Harriet Miller, a friend of Margaret.

Miss Vivian Hays.

Miss Merry, a gossip.

Miss Chattie Sullivan.

Jane, Mrs. Campbell's maid.

Miss Imogen Porter.

John, a sailor.

Oscar Endicott.

V. Solo.

Mrs. Lillian S. Warner.

Accompaniment, Mrs. B. M. Keith.

James W. Shannon was able to ride to Louisa on Sunday last and attend church. His health is not much improved.

## ORGANIZED FOR COUNTY FAIR.

Meeting Called for Last Tuesday Was Well Attended. V. B. Shortridge Elected President.

The farmers answered the call for the 1914 fair. The meeting was called to order by H. C. Sullivan and on his suggestion for a new and permanent organization Jay H. Northrup nominated V. B. Shortridge, of East Fork, for president, and he was unanimously elected for the ensuing year and until his successor is elected. He gave a splendid speech on live stock, etc., and then asked for nominations for Secretary. Wm. Taylor, of Glenwood, was unanimously elected Secretary, and Ephraim McKinster, of Little Blaine, Vice President, and George Handley, Treasurer.

There was a fine display of grasses by Col. Jay H. Northrup raised on his Elbow farm—crimson clover, vetch, winter oats, alfalfa and alsike clover—and they were discussed from every viewpoint by our County Demonstrator E. S. Kegley.

The permanent organization will make a most interesting event in each year of our county's future history.

Some of those present started a fund with \$10.00 donations to assist the enterprise and the request was that at least 100 men would give this amount to put it on its feet.

Our County Judge J. B. Clayton, Circuit Clerk H. B. Hewlett, Prof. Byington, Jesse Woods, T. H. Burckett and W. D. Pierce were active in urging a permanent organization, and our County Superintendent J. H. Ekers and the Board of Education sent word they were with us in heart and hand.

The being perfect harmony in the movement, the old officers nominating and asking the new ones to accept the offices, and promising cooperation—the others, feeling there should be a change, will now put their shoulders to the wheel and success is guaranteed.

Our county has a new impetus for progress in farming, live stock and orchard husbandry.

Corn Club boys and Tomato Club girls and boys are in the game.

E. S. Kegley was chosen temporary secretary to write the minutes of this meeting and the next meeting is called for Monday, June 22, to fix the date for holding the fair and add to the list of committees for each precinct, and to arrange for premiums and all things necessary for a county fair.

WM. TAYLOR, Sec.

## FORMER LOUISA GIRL WEDDED.

In the spacious home of Mrs. A. Mims, on yesterday at high noon, occurred the pretty wedding nuptials of her sister, Miss Maud Marcum to Mr. E. C. Walton, of Orlando, Fla.

The officiating minister was the Rev. Mr. Gatlin, from the First Baptist Church of this city, he using the beautiful ring service. Owing to the recent death of the late A. Mims, brother-in-law of the bride, the event was carried out very simply, and witnessed only by intimate friends of the family.

The bride, who is the highly cultured daughter of Hon. T. D. Marcum, wore on this occasion a handsome imported gown of white with Duchess lace trimmings. She is considered one of the attractive brunette type, and is highly popular among the social realm of the tri-state.

Following the ceremony, Mr. Walton and bride were driven to the C. & O. depot to board No. 3 en route to their future home in Orlando, amid the beautiful "land of flowers." The bride's traveling suit was of shepherd plaid with hat and gloves in blendence.

Mr. Walton is interested in the newspaper field at Orlando, and is highly identified in that vicinity. He is to be congratulated upon his excellent choice of life mate, and wishes for a future of prolonged happiness and prosperity goes out to them from their unlimited circle of friends.—Ashland Independent.

Mrs. Walton was born in this city, the birthplace of so many pretty girls, and was greatly admired for her beauty and amiability.

## CHILDREN'S DAY.

The Sunday School of the M. E. Church South observed Children's Day very handsomely Sunday evening last. A varied programme of considerable length was very handsomely rendered by the little people, all of whom did remarkably well. The way those youngsters recited and acted and sang was surprising, and thoroughly enjoyed by an audience which packed the church from vestibule to chancel, with many on the sidewalks as appreciative auditors.

Those who prepared the boys and girls for this occasion deserve much credit for the successful way in which they brought their young charges to present their entertainment to their friends.

There were many real gems in the offerings of the evening, one rare jewel being the duet sung by Mrs. Lillian Strange Warner, of Huntington, and Mrs. B. M. Keith, of this city, the contrasting voices blending in most delightful harmony.

G. T. Arnett, of Salyersville, and C. T. McCown, of Prestonsburg, last week were each fined \$14.10 in the Louisa Police Court for drinking on a Big Sandy train.

## MEMORIAL DAY AT M. E. CHURCH SOUTH.

One of the best efforts of the Rev. B. M. Keith since assuming the pastorate was the sermon-oration delivered by him at the M. E. Church South on last Sunday, Memorial Day, it being religious, historical and patriotic, well conceived, carefully prepared and eloquently delivered, and was attentively heard by a large audience, among whom were several Federal and Confederate veterans of the Civil War.

A notable feature of the morning exercises was the singing of Mrs. Warner, of Huntington. On this occasion she rendered most beautifully "The Good Shepherd," a vocal adaptation of the Twenty-third Psalm. The author of the score had imbibed the lofty sentiment of the words of this grand song of David and had created fit harmony for the utterance of the psalmist's faith in his Shepherd. Mrs. Warner had a true conception of both words and music, and on this occasion she gave them delightful interpretation.

## BRADLEY FORESAW DEATH; KENTUCKIAN TOLD FRIENDS.

Washington, May 28.—On the return of Representative John W. Langley today it became known that Senator Bradley had entertained a premonition of death so strong that he had intimated to Mr. Langley some time ago that his end was near.

"I dreamed last night I was dying," said Senator Bradley, "and never has one of my important dreams failed to come true. My end is near."

So, too, at the conclusion of his speech on the Panama Tolls Bill he remarked to close friends that the address was his closing effort, and he would not be able to speak again before his death. Finally, just before Mr. Langley left for Kentucky, several weeks ago, Senator Bradley spent an evening with him and said: "This is my last visit to you."

So strong was this premonition that when early in his last illness a suggestion was made that he be removed to a hospital Senator Bradley demurred, explaining to his physicians: "I am going to die, and I would rather die in my apartment."

The physicians tried to encourage him, but he said "I know."

Senator Bradley frequently recounted instances in which his dreams "had come true," and he was a firm believer in the visions of his sleep.

## CHANGES IN COAL COMPANY OFFICIALS.

Manager at Jenkins Resigns and a Change is Also Made at Van Lear.

Following the announcement of the resignation of Mr. Everett Drennen, formerly of Fairmont, from the position of manager of the Elkhorn Division of the Consolidation Coal Company at Jenkins, Kentucky, General Manager of Operations, Frank R. Lyon here Wednesday announced the following effective June 15, 1914.

Mr. C. M. Gillette will become manager of the Elkhorn Division, vice E. Drennen resigned.

Mr. Jonathan Jenkins promoted to assistant manager of Elkhorn Division.

Mr. Garner Fletcher will become manager of Miller's Creek Division, vice G. M. Gillette transferred.

F. R. LYON,  
General Manager of Operations.

Approved:  
GEO. T. WATSON,  
Vice President.

Approved:  
J. H. WHEELWRIGHT,  
President.

Mr. Gillette, who succeeds Mr. Drennen at Jenkins, is recognized as a man who has been in the coal business since 1890, and has been in the management of the Consolidation Coal Company's forces. Only a few years ago he was chief clerk to the manager of the Pennsylvania Division of the company, and it was only a short time until he was made superintendent of the Jenner Mines Nos. 4 and 5, the largest individual mines in that division. After the Elkhorn Mines of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad in Kentucky were started, Mr. Gillette was made district superintendent of six mines at McRoberts, Kentucky, and in less than a year became manager of the Miller's Creek Division of the Company in Kentucky. He is a thoroughly practical mining man, as his rapid promotions would indicate.

In the promotion of Mr. Jenkins, to be the assistant manager of the Elkhorn Division, another veteran in the service of the company is rewarded for faithful performance of duty. Mr. Jenkins holds the Maryland division where he practically grew up in the mining business. Before going to Kentucky he was superintendent of the famous No. 7 mine in the Frontburg section. When Miller's Creek was opened for operation, Mr. Jenkins was transferred there to be superintendent of mines. Later when the march of progress opened up the Elkhorn mines at Jenkins he was transferred there to be district superintendent of mines. He is a most practical and valuable man and in point of service is one of the veterans in the ranks of the company.

Mr. Garner Fletcher, who takes the management of the Miller's Creek

mines, is not unknown to Fairmont, having been connected with the company as an engineer several years ago. He was later made chief engineer of the Pennsylvania Division and has lived in Somerset for the past several years.

The well established policy of The Consolidation Coal Company of promoting their officials in accordance with their ability and energy is well illustrated in the promotion of these two young men to such important positions.

Mr. Everett Drennen's resignation will come in the nature of a surprise to his many Fairmont friends. He was offered and accepted the position of vice-president and general manager of the Stonegate & Coke Company of Big Stone Gap, Va. Here is an instance of another young man rising very rapidly in the ranks of the Consolidation. It has been only a few years since he came to Fairmont to take charge of the Power & Mechanical Department of the company. After Mr. John Gordon Smyth, who was more responsible than anyone else for the rapid construction work accomplished in the Elkhorn field, was promoted to chief engineer of all divisions, Mr. Drennen became operating manager of the Elkhorn Division, which position he has held for a little over a year. His associates are very regretful over his leaving them, but are gratified to know that in leaving he goes only to take a much larger position.

The Consolidation Coal Company are now operating five mines in Miller's Creek Division, with annual output of 1,000,000 tons. While the four mines operating in the Elkhorn Division are producing at the rate of over 2,000,000 tons per year. Many former Fairmonters, are connected with the work in these divisions and living in Kentucky, where they assisted in the great piece of constructive and engineering work that has transformed sections of the Cumberland mountains into modern towns and mining plants.

## R. H. MAYO APPOINTED POSTMASTER AT PAINTSVILLE.

Washington.—Robert H. Mayo, a brother of the late John C. C. Mayo, was recommended by Senator Ollie M. James to be postmaster at Paintsville.

Senator James said the recommendation was made in response to what was in effect a dying wish of John Mayo, the latter having telegraphed not long before his death to Senator James, that telegram being his last communication to the Senator.

The Senate confirmed Robert A. Fields as postmaster of Catlettsburg. This ends a very interesting and prolonged postoffice controversy. Fields is a cousin of Congressman W. J. Fields. Senator James has held up R. A. Fields' appointment since March.

## USE THE STREET SPRINKLERS.

One of the greatest foes to human health is dust. It is a constant and deadly menace to life, and is the greatest germ carrier known, spreading disease on every wind that blows. We, ourselves, are greatly to blame for not putting an end to the dust danger and nuisance in our city. There are about forty public sprinklers in various parts of Louisa, and it is safe to say that not one half of them are used at all or as they should be. There is an abundance of water, paid for out of the public treasury, yet the use of a sprinkler on the dust—and germ-laden streets is so unusual as to cause comment. It is said that one reason why more are not used is because many of the sprinklers are out of order. The city council has taken the matter up and has appointed F. H. Yates to examine them and report. Those out of order will be put in commission at once. Then if they are not used properly and freely they will be taken from their present location and placed where they will be used. Our people should let nothing deter them from the proper use of the water which they are taxed to pay for, and using it to abate the dust nuisance is eminently proper.

## FISCAL COURT.

The Fiscal Court met in called term on Monday last, all the magistrates being present. It was determined to put the county road machine into commission and to work it on the roads all the season. It will be under the direction of Charles Carter and Lewis Savage, who are said to be competent men for this work. It was also decided to hold an election to take the sense of the voters on the question of issuing bonds for the purpose of raising money to be used for the construction of good roads. Whether this vote shall be taken at the November election or at one to be held earlier will be determined later.

## CAPT. HOLLERBACH'S BODY FOUND IN CABIN.

The body of Captain Arch Hollerbach, wealthy Government contractor, who was drowned two months ago near Golconda, Ill., when the towboat Reliable sank in the Ohio river, was recovered. A diver found the body in the cabin of the sunken boat. The body was taken to Canton, Ind., for burial.

## HAD LEG BROKE

On Tuesday of last week, the White, who drives team for Mrs. J. H. Roberts, was